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At page 9, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 2 and ending at line 15 as follows:

A laser driver 221 of the printer unit 2 drives a laser light emission unit 201 and causes the laser light emission unit 201 to emit a laser beam according to the image data outputted from the reader unit 1 or the core unit 10. The laser beam irradiates a photosensitive drum 202, thereby forming a latent image corresponding to the laser beam. Developer is deposited by a developing unit 203 on the latent image portion on the photosensitive drum 202. Synchronized with the start of irradiation with the laser beam, a recording sheet is fed from a cassette 204 or 206 205 to a transfer unit 206, and the developer deposited onto the photosensitive drum 202 is transferred onto the recording sheet.

At page 9, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 25 and ending on page 10 at line 9 as follows:

If two-side recording is selected, the recording sheet is conveyed to the position of the discharge rollers 208, and then the rotation of the discharge rollers 208 is reversed and the recording sheet is guided by a flapper 209 in an inverted state to a sheet re-feeding path feeding via rollers such as rollers 210. Also if multiple recording is selected, the recording sheet is not guided to the discharge rollers 208 but guided by the flapper 209 to the sheet re-feeding patch in an uninverted state. The recording sheet guided to the sheet re-feeding path is fed to the transfer unit 206 at the aforementioned timing.

At page 11, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 27 and ending on page 12 at line 11 as follows:

Fig. 4 is a block diagram of the core unit 10. The image data from the reader unit 1 are transferred to a data processing unit 121, and the control command from the reader unit 1 is transferred to a CPU 123, via interface 122. The data processing unit 121 executes various image processings such as image rotation or change of image magnification, and the image data transferred from the reader unit 1 to the data processing unit 121 are transferred through the interface 120, according to the control command transferred from the reader unit 1, to the facsimile unit 4, file unit 5 or computer interface unit 7.

At page 22, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 21 and ending on page 23 at line 3 as follows:

Then the message data input process is started in a step \$\frac{\text{S2208}}{\text{S1108}}\$ for example with the keyboard of the PC/WS 11, and, in a step \$\text{S1109}\$, the message is entered and the OK key 54 is depressed as explained in the foregoing. Then, in a step \$\text{S1110}\$, the information set in the application 1103 is stored as the MIB data in the MIB management unit 1104 of the hard disk of the PC/WS 11. At the same time, a step \$\text{S1111}\$ encodes and transmits the MIB data, including the message characters set in the \$\text{SNMP}\$ client module.

At page 25, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 20 and ending on page 26 at line 9 as follows:

In case of a message to be displayed on the entire copy image frame, a step S1304 discriminates whether the instruction from the operation unit 115 is to display the pop-up message. If instruction for display is given, a step S1306 displays a message on the copy image frame as shown in Fig. 15, based on the message data corresponding to the input area 60 and the message type. On the other hand, if the instruction for display is not given, a step S1305 discriminates whether any operation has been made on the operation unit 115 within a predetermined time, and, in case of no operation, the sequence proceeds to the step S1306 to display the pop-up message. The pop-up message display of the step S1306 is continued until the erasure is designated (by depressing the OK key 91) by the user on the display image frame (as discriminated in step S1307) shown in Fig. 15.

At page 26, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 10 and ending at line 19 as follows:

In case the erasure is designated, a step \$\frac{\text{S1307}}{\text{S1308}}\$ sets a time, designated as the display interval, in a timer. Then the sequence returns to the step \$\text{S1304}\$ whereby the message shown in Fig. 15 is displayed again after the lapse of the designated time. However such re-display is not executed when the display on the touch panel TP is turned off but is made in case of any operation thereof. In this manner it is rendered possible to cause plural users to confirm the message, while economizing the electric power consumption.

At page 32, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 10 and ending at line 16 as follows:

If the analysis indicates (as discriminated in step S1805) a mail for message data addressed to the composite apparatus where the message is to be displayed, a step S1806 stores the mail in a message data area on the hard disk of the PC/WS 11-2 managed by the mail spool module 1111. Any other ordinary electronic mail is transferred in a step S1808 to the mail server 11-3.

At page 32, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 17 and ending at line 22 as follows:

If transfer of the mail for message data is <u>requested</u> request from the composite apparatus where the message is to be displayed in a step S1807, the mail for message data managed by the mail spool module 1111 is transferred at step S1809. The transfer in this operation is accepted by POP from the composite apparatus.

At page 33, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 12 and ending at line 20 as follows:

As a result of mail analysis, if a step S1907 identifies that the he subject of the received mail is "Get", indicating a request for acquiring the current message data, a step S1908 acquires the currently set message data from the panel control unit 1002, and a step S1903 S1909 prepares a response mail as shown in Fig. 21. Then a step S1910 transmits the mail by SMTP through the network interface 701 to the transmission source of the requesting mail.

At page 35, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 15 and ending at line 21 as follows:

As shown in Fig. 23, in an exemplary message set screen 2301, in setting the message data in the PC/WS 11 via message entry 2302, the user is requested to check either of check boxes 2303, 2304 and 2305, "URGENT", "NOTICE" and "TIPS", respectively. Then a code indicating URGENT = PRIORITY 1, NOTICE = PRIORITY 2 or TIPS = PRIORITY 3 is transferred, together with the message data, to the composite apparatus 1000 in which the message is to be displayed.

At page 37, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 23 and ending on page 28 at line 7 as follows:

If reference to memory is designated, a step S2602 executes search in the image memory unit 9 and a step S2603 checks the attribute of each file, namely whether each file is protected by a password. Then a step S2604 sets red as the display color for the file which is judged as protected by the password, and a step S2605 sets blue as the display color for the file which is judged as not protected by the password. The file search is continued until a step S2606 judges that all the files have been searched, and then a step S2607 displays a list of the files with the respective display colors on the touch panel TP as shown in Fig. 27.

At page 40, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 14 and ending at line 18 as follows:

A message is entered <u>via screen 2902 and field 2903</u> as in the foregoing embodiments by the utility of the PC/WS 11 connected to the LAN 702, and a check box 2904 or 2905 is at the same time selected in order to designate limitation of operation or inhibition of printing.

At page 40, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 26 and ending on page 41 at line 8 as follows:

At first a step S3001 discriminates whether the computer reception unit 2807 has received the message data, and, in case of reception, a step S3002 reads the received message data. Then a step S3003 analyzes the content of the message data, and, if a step S3004 discriminates that the message data contain information indicating the limitation on the operation, a step S3005 displays such content on the touch panel TP of the operation unit 2811 and step S3006 executes such control as to inhibit input on the operation unit 2811.

At page 41, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 9 and ending at line 14 as follows:

If the received message data are discriminated, at step S3007, to contain information inhibiting the printing, a step S3008 displays such information on the touch panel TP of the operation unit 2811 and a step S3009 causes the printer engine control unit 2803 to inhibit the operation of the printer engine 2805.